

Dear Friend:

Throughout my career in Congress I have always strived to incorporate sensible environmental and conservation measures into our national policy. That is why I am now setting out on a bold, new legislative initiative: To Change our nation's approach on Global Warming.

The dramatic effects of Global Warming are already taking a toll on our state, nation and world. During the drought seasons of 2002 and 2003 in New Mexico, we had major die-offs of our state tree, the Piñon. Scientists believe the die-off is just one prelude to a warmer future. Dramatic melting is also being seen in icecaps, glaciers and sea ice on the North and South Poles as well as in the high mountain regions across the globe. Scientists agree that these events are strong indicators of Global Warming and are directly related to the build-up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels. If we do not take measures to fight Global Warming now the world will continue to warm more rapidly than ever seen before leading to fiercer seasons of natural disasters and the obliteration of creatures such as the Polar Bear.

On March 29, 2006, I introduced H.R. 5049, the *Keep America Competitive Global Warming Policy Act of 2006*. This bill is the product of over two and a half years of work and seeks to curb the dramatic effects that Global Warming is having and will continue to have on our nation and world. Joining me in the effort to help mitigate Global Warming is senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Honorable Tom Petri, R-WI. Together, we are making a bipartisan overture to engage the U.S. House of Representatives and break the stalemate that is preventing any federal action on the issue of Global Warming from occurring.

It is time for America to take steps to address global warming. H.R. 5049 is modest, certain and efficient. It begins to slow the growth of greenhouse gases, but minimizes the negative impacts to the U.S. economy. My legislation will spur innovation and keep America as a leader in global technology. Having a policy to slow the growth of greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of first stabilizing and then ultimately reducing emissions would be a major and positive step forward. To learn more about the *Udall-Petri Keep America Competitive Global Warming Policy Act of 2006*, please visit the Global Warming page on my website at:
<http://www.tomudall.house.gov/display2.cfm?id=10698&type=Issues>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-newsletter, and please feel free to contact me regarding the *Keep America Competitive Global Warming Policy Act of 2006* or any other federal issue.

Very Truly Yours,

Tom Udall
Member of Congress